

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 12-22, 24 and 26 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 12, 24, and 26 have been amended so that they are directed to statutory subject matter. The claimed invention enables a user receiving a list of information sources to have a quantitative estimate of the likely value of each of the sources. The foregoing enables a user to estimate the value of the information sources before taking some action.

Claims 12-22, 24 and 26 as amended also provide for real world applications. The method and system functions if at least one information sources is present. Other known devices function only if something is present i.e. a television set, radio, toaster will not function if no current is provided.

Thus, Claims 12-22, 24 and 26 are directed to statutory subject matter.

Claims 12, 24 and 26 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 12, 20, 24 and 26 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112.

The Examiner has indicated on page 11 in the June 15, 2006, Patent Office Action that claims 12-22, 24 and 26 are allowed over the prior art. Applicant has amended claims 12, 20, 24 and 26 to overcome the informalities mentioned by the Examiner. The 35 USC § 112 and 35 USC § 101 rejections have been overcome.

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In view of the above claims 12-22, 24 and 26 are patentable. If the Examiner has any questions would the Examiner please contact the undersigned at the telephone number noted below.

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